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NEWS AND NOTES

New Zealand standard for layout of periodicals

The New Zealand Standards Institute has recently issued a *Code of Recommended Practice for the Form and Presentation of Periodicals of Reference Value* (CP 48:1963, dated July 1963) which should prove of considerable value to editors of and contributors to scientific and technical publications. Although some recommendations may not find favour with editors of general and literary periodicals the general adoption of the major recommendations will vastly improve the present deplorably low bibliographical standard of New Zealand serial publications and lighten the burden of the cataloguer of New Zealand serials. Librarians have a duty to bring this publication to the notice of editors and publishers. Copies are available from the Standards Institute and the Government Printer for 3s. 6d.

Conference of Pacific librarians proposed

Miss Janet Bell, Curator of the Hawaiian and Pacific Collections of the Gregg M. Sinclair Library of the University of Hawaii visited New Zealand in December 1963 during a six-week tour of libraries and other collections of Pacific research materials in the South Pacific. Miss Bell, as well as arranging for the microfilming of material for the University of Hawaii, held informal discussions with librarians, archivists and other interested people on a proposed conference of Pacific librarians to be held in Hawaii in 1964 for the purpose of forming an Association of Pacific Research Libraries. Sponsorship of the proposed conference would be by the University of Hawaii and the American Library Association.

McKenzie Trust grant to Wellington Public Libraries

The Newspaper room at the Wellington Central Library will be refurnished with the help of a grant of £1,000 from the McKenzie Trust to provide proper accommodation for the Commonwealth collection of books established by the city council to commemorate the visit of Queen Elizabeth in 1963. Arrangements are expected to be completed early in 1964.